



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH  
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Nathaniel H. Yohalem  
Tara B. White  
Board of Selectmen

**Minutes of January 7, 2013**

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM.

All members were present.

The minutes of December 17, 2012 were approved as amended.

The meeting started with a letter handed to the Selectmen by Prudence Spalding. Attached to the letter was information regarding the 2013 transfer station permits and dog licenses that should be included in the next tax mailing. The idea is to create an efficient way of making the permits and licenses more available to the Town. The Selectmen think it is a good concept and will confirm with the Tax Collector and Town Clerk.

The following expense accounts were on the agenda for approval:

Account	FY13	FY14	Difference
Accounting Officer Expenses	\$3635.00	\$3635.00	-
Town Clerk Expenses	\$2200.00	\$2400.00	\$200.00
Election Expenses	\$2130.00	\$2225.00	\$95.00
Street Listing	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	-
Roads & Bridges	\$187,000.00	\$187,000.00	-
Highway Department Training	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	-
Electricity	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	-
Propane	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	-
Diesel Fuel	\$52,000.00	\$54,000.00	\$2,000.00
Highway Uniforms & Gear	\$2,000.00	\$2500.00	\$500.00
Winter Roads	\$233,675.00	\$233,675.00	-
Town Garage Utilities & Maintenance	\$9,000.00	\$9,500.00	\$500.00
Machinery Expense	\$64,046.00	\$66,046.00	\$2,000.00

A motion was made and seconded to approve the budgets as listed above, All were in favor with the exception of Selectman White who recused from voting on the Accounting Officer expenses.

The next item on the agenda was the review of the Lake Buel report. The Selectmen agreed that this report was not worth the money that was spent on it. Selectman White state that "it appears that they took all the observations from Dan Moriarte, who is not a professional. If they were hired they should have been doing it." That being said this is not a reliable source of material to move forward with.

Chair Lawrence Davis III inquired about updates from the BSC Group. Administrative Secretary Nicole Reid stated that we received engineering and design costs for the culvert on Canaan Southfield Road. This is the project that will be utilizing the MassWorks grant. The total for design and engineering is \$82,882.00. To begin the project, at this time it is recommended that BSC receive \$13,000.000 to begin the work. Administrative Assistant Michael Skorput suggested that we should use the funds from the highway and bridges account. There was a recommendation for a special town meeting to transfer the funds from free cash. Michael stated: "The night of the town meeting the article should be amended so that when the actual number of the survey work is known, you can amend to put back into the highway and bridges account and the rest goes to the bridge account. Set up a bridge account so you can get going."

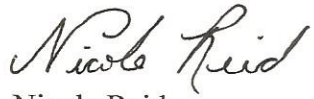
Discussion continued in regard to how the Town will proceed with moving forward on the start of the project vs. waiting for the final signed commitment from MassWorks. The final commitment from MassWorks is a pre-contract form that needs to be signed by the Secretary of State. The Town is waiting for the final contract and taking steps to make the right decisions that will immediately follow the signed contract. It was agreed by the Board to have a Special Town Meeting on January 28, 2013 to transfer \$70,000 for seed money to begin the project. The Clayton Mill River Bridge cost came up during the discussion and Hwy Superintendent Peter Marks mentioned the cost difference between the BSC group and Arrow Concrete. He stated the State uses Arrow and that he was told Arrow could do it for a fraction of the cost. It was agreed by the Selectmen to invite both parties to a meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 5:30pm to discuss the difference in cost.

Also discussed were issues in regard to residents not moving their cars during a snow storm. Several suggestions were made including sending a letter for the second time, tow the vehicle or have the police knock on doors. It was also noted that the State Statute requires the Parking Clerk to supervise the receipt of the money from fines. Michael Skorput stated the Town Clerk is usually the Parking Clerk.

Selectmen Yohalem moved that the Town Clerk be appointed Parking Clerk for the purpose of receiving money from fines and penalties resulting from parking on streets illegally or plowing snow illegally onto public roads. All were in favor.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nicole Reid". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Nicole Reid

Administrative Secretary